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For: DEVICE FOR DAMPING THE MOVEMENT OF MOVABLE
FURNITURE PARTS IN THEIR CLOSING REGION

Commissioner for Patents
MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
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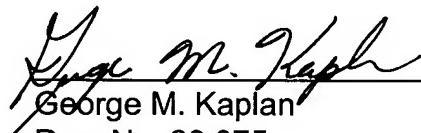
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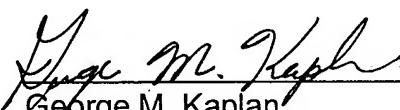

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